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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 12/24/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/17/05
Broiler/fryer	150,374	162,560
Light hens	1,513	1,462
Heavy hens	1,332	1,448

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 17-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	142	0	142
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	109	0	109
Same week yr ago	292	0	292
To-date/2005	12,566	66	12,632
To-date/2004	12,465	147	12,612

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,546	1,488	3,034
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,379	1,483	2,862
Same week yr ago	1,791	1,462	3,253
To-date/2005	83,602	70,912	154,514
To-date/2004	80,876	68,194	149,070

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 17-DECEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,304	1,404	1,488	2,892
Avg Wt	5.37	3.28	7.87	5.64
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,899	1,270	1,483	2,753
Same wk yr ago	159,224	1,499	1,462	2,961
Avg Wt	5.22	3.26	7.87	5.54
To-date/2005	8,049,593	71,036	70,846	141,882
To-date/2004	7,829,779	68,411	68,047	136,458

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 166.3 million head or 8.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-Dec-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	26,374	10,525	46,309
Avg Weight	3.70	4.78	6.49
% of total /1	32%	13%	56%
Last week	25,765	16,841	59,390
Avg Weight	3.72	4.67	6.47
% of total /1	25%	17%	58%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,244	18,354	47,661
Avg Weight	3.62	4.64	6.37
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%
To date/2005	1,316,476	1,033,350	2,477,878
To date/2004	1,272,719	1,030,592	2,256,025

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-Dec-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,937	2,564	19	1	4,521
Avg Wt	15.67	38.78	27.79	44.26	28.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Same wk yr ago	1,727	2,477	26	0	4,230
Avg Wt	15.41	38.26	24.19	0.00	28.84
To-date/2005	92,117	129,182	1,225	211	222,735
To-date/2004	87,237	128,098	2,537	353	218,225

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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